

ST. BERNADETTE Mass Intentions Form

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition. At Saint Bernadette Parish, there are many requests for scheduling Mass intentions. To allow as many **registered parishioners** as possible to schedule Masses, the following policies are put forth to help accomplish this goal.

Please read the following guidelines carefully:

1. Universal Church discipline as contained in the 1983 Code of Canon Law (cannons 945-958) strictly regulates the offering made for the celebration of Mass.
2. Canon Law permits us to keep Mass intentions only for those Masses that can be celebrated by our priests within a calendar year.
3. A Mass intention may be requested for: a deceased loved one; a living person who is sick or suffering; a living person who is celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or other special moment in their life; in thanksgiving to God (including the Lord Jesus or the Holy Spirit); in thanksgiving for an answered prayer from a Blessed or a Saint; or for a prayer intention (so long as the intentions is not trivial and not contradict Church teaching in faith or morals).
4. To ensure consistent and fair opportunity for all desiring an intention for a loved one, St. Bernadette Parish will accept **no more than 3 (three) intentions per household during the open period below. With no more than 1 scheduled for a weekend Mass.** We pledge to fulfill these intentions here at St. Bernadette during the 2026 year.
5. Requests will be honored on a first-come, first-serve basis in the order in which this form is received at the Parish Office. We will open our intentions book four times a year:

1st Period-December 1,2025

2nd Period- March 1,2026

3rd Period-June 1,2026

4th Period-September 1,2026

to schedule Masses for January - March

to schedule Masses for April - June

to schedule Masses for July - September

to schedule Masses for October – December

6. A \$10 stipend, as determined by Diocesan policy, is to accompany each Mass request, depending on your financial means.
7. If you are **not** a registered parishioner, we can take your intention for your deceased loved ones to be offered on **All Soul's Day**. While the vocal intention for the Masses this day is "For all the faithful departed" the priest will pray for the individuals listed during his prayer preparations for the Mass.
8. **Please** note the following guidelines for Mass requests:
 1. Mass intentions **cannot be scheduled** for the following days: **Holy Thursday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday, Christmas, Mothers' Day, and Fathers' Day**. These Mass intentions will be for the general intentions of our priests and parishioners.
 2. One Mass every Sunday must be scheduled for the intentions of our parishioners known as "Pro Populo" (For the People) as required by Canon Law and diocesan statute. We have designated the 10am Mass for this intention.

9. Mass requests will be granted as close to the requested date and time as possible. If it is not possible to comply with the primary request, **the next closest date and time will be scheduled.** If we move the request to a different date or time, we will email a copy of your form with the updates to you. PLEASE print your email address CLEARLY! There may be a reason that requires us to cancel a Mass already scheduled. If that is necessary, we will contact you and try to find another date.
10. Lengthy intentions cannot be published in the Bulletin and will be edited for the sake of brevity. Since the purpose of publishing the intention in the Bulletin is to notify the family and friends of the intentions, we suggest the omission of middle initials, titles, etc. Please indicate if the person for whom the Mass is requested is living or deceased.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE YOUR INFORMATION CLEARLY!

Name of Person for Whom Mass is Requested:

Date & Time:

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| 1. _____ | living/ deceased _____ |
| 2. _____ | living/ deceased _____ |
| 3. _____ | living/ deceased _____ |

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ST BERNADETTE PARISH OFFICE

Name: _____

Address: _____

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